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SUBJECT: APRIL 8 PROTEST NOTE ON HARASSMENT IN MOSCOW

REF: MOSCOW 5353

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, ADCM HANDED DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA'S USA DIVISION FEDOSEYEV A NOTE ON LATEST EXAMPLES OF HARASSMENT AFTERNOON OF APRIL 8. HE ADDED THAT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE FEARED PUBLICITY IN U.S. REGARDING THESE INCIDENTS MIGHT ENCOURAGE THE UNSTABLE INDIVIDUALS IN NEW YORK WHOSE STATED PURPOSE IN HARASSING SOVIET OFFICIALS WAS TO DISRUPT IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. SUCCESSES IN THIS REGARD MIGHT WELL SPUR THEM ON TO FURTHER EFFORTS. RETALIATION IN MOSCOW, WHICH IN ANY EVENT DOES NOTHING TO HELP RESOLVE THE DEPLORABLE SITUATION IN NEW YORK, MIGHT THUS INDEED PROVE SERIOUSLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

2. FEDOSEYEV RESPONDED THAT THE SITUATION WAS NOT PLEASANT,
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BUT AT LEAST THERE WERE NOT EXPLOSIONS AND NO SHOOTINGS

IN MOSCOW. HOWEVER, WHILE SOVIET OFFICIALS
CONTINUED TO BE HARASSED IN THE U.S., IT "WAS DIFFICULT
TO TAKE FULL MEASURES TO PROTECT AMERICANS IN MOSCOW."
ADCM NOTED THAT THE TWO SITUATIONS COULD NOT BE EQUATED
AND AGAIN STRESSED THAT CONTINUED RETALIATION HERE COULD
ONLY FURTHER COMPLICATE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM IN
NEW YORK, A PROBLEM WHICH WE ALL DEPLORED.

3. TEXT OF THE APRIL 8 NOTE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT.

WITH REFERENCE TO ITS NOTE NO. 409 OF APRIL 6,
THE EMBASSY WISHES TO CALL THE MINISTRY'S ATTENTION
TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE HARASSMENT CAMPAIGN DIRECTED
AGAINST THE EMBASSY AND ITS PERSONNEL ON APRIL 7 AND 8.

AT 2:25 P.M. APRIL 7 ACTING CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR
SECTION ALYNN NATHANSON WAS DETAINED AND HARASSED FOR
APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES BY FOUR RUSSIAN-SPEAKING MALES
IN A SMALL PARK ABOUT 300 YARDS NORTH OF THE EMBASSY ON
ULITSA CHAIKOVSKO.

ON APRIL 7 CLOSE, HARASSING VEHICULAR SURVEILLANCE
WAS CONTINUED AGAINST FIRST SECRETARY JAMES WILKINSON
AND SECOND SECRETARY ROBERT MILLER, ENDANGERING THEIR
SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF THEIR PASSENGERS. AMONG THE
VEHICLES ENGAGED IN THIS ACTIVITY WERE VOLGA 68-57 MKA,
VOLGA 38-42 MMZH, AND VOLGA 49-73 MMZH.

DURING THE NIGHT OF APRIL 7-8 IDENTICAL PHYSICAL
DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED UPON THE PERSONAL AUTOMOBILES
OF THREE EMBASSY EMPLOYEES RESIDING AT LENISKIY PROSPEKT 83.

IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, THE EMBASSY MUST ONCE AGAIN
INSIST THAT THIS CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT BE HALTED AT ONCE,
THAT THE GUILTY PARTIES BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, AND THAT THE
MINISTRY PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH AN IMMEDIATE REPORT ON
MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SOVIET SIDE TO CEASE HARASSMENT OF
AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN THE SOVIET UNION. END TEXT.

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